

HOUSE RESOLUTION 298

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize May 12, 2006, as Mt. Juliet Walk/Bike to School Day.

WHEREAS, recognition should be given to those communities where citizens come together to promote a worthy cause or important issue; and

WHEREAS Mt. Juliet is one such community, whose citizens will gather together on the morning of May 12, 2006, to celebrate Mt. Juliet Walk/Bike to School Day; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Juliet Walk/Bike to School Day will be held in conjunction with International Walk to School Day, which, now in its tenth year, is expected to include 3,000 schools from all fifty states and will be observed by nearly three million people in thirty-six countries; and

WHEREAS, the Fall Walk to School Day was established in the United States by the Partnership for a Walkable America in 1997; in 2000, the United States, Canada, and Great Britain joined together to celebrate the first International Walk to School Day; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2006, students at West Wilson Middle School and Mt. Juliet Christian Academy will celebrate Mt. Juliet Walk/Bike to School Day and International Walk to School Day by walking or biking to school, accompanied by parents, teachers, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Juliet Walk/Bike to School Day is an energizing event that reminds participants of the simple joy of walking or biking to school, the health benefits of regular daily activity, and the need for safe places to walk and bike; and

WHEREAS, this praiseworthy event is designed to promote environmentally-friendly transportation and healthy lifestyles, while educating both young and old on the many aspects of pedestrian and bicycle safety; and

WHEREAS, it is commendable that a community should focus on such an important issue, and the people of Mt. Juliet should be properly recognized for their efforts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with the citizens of Mt. Juliet in celebrating Mt. Juliet Walk/Bike to School Day and International Walk to School Day on May 12, 2006; commend the participants' dedication to health, safety, physical activity, and the environment; and offer our most sincere gratitude to the organizers of this socially conscious event, wishing them the utmost in success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.